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PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I have a question for Senator Barnett. Question. Senator Barnett, is this the same move that you tried to do in the Banking and Insurance Committee in putting the ... putting this under the Public Service Commission?

SENATOR BARNETT: Under 991 on the meter part.

SENATOR MILLS: That's correct.

SENATOR BARNETT: Right. We tried it there, if it was adopted there then we wouldn't have brought it in here under this for two reasons.

SENATOR MILLS: OK. Senator Barnett, you made a statement about the Public Service Commission moving this there. You said something to the effect that they had to do with other situations in gas. Can you explain to me what area the Public Service Commission comes under in the regulation of gas, natural gas, or anyother facet of gas industry?

SENATOR BARNETT: Walt George wants to answer that question. I don't know. I'm not going to touch it. The only part I know is the transportation of materials in the state, such as gas, through railroads, underground power, pipeline. They have to deal, as I understand it, with pipeline transportation, etc. like this, Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: OK. Senator Barnett, thank you very much. I cannot accept your amendment. Senator Barnett tried to do the same thing in the Insurance Committee by amending the pipeline cost bill. It failed there. He's a good legislator. He's trying to do what he wants to do. Unfortunately, this is the wrong time ... the right place, but the wrong time to do that. He is trying to put it in the Public Service Commission. They do not have any need for it, any use for it. It would just strictly be moving all those people who are under the Fire Marshall's Department to the Public Service Commission, and certainly no agency connected with that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Barnett's amendment. Record your vote.

SENATOR BARNETT: He didn't even tell me I could close. I don't know....

PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 18 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.